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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER THINGS

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1. JOE NYE WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH MEHTA ON JUNE 16. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT INFORMAL TALK ON HOW TO MANAGE THE NUCLEAR ISSUE WOULD BE HELPFUL. AT THE SAME TIME IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MEHTA TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF HIS DISCUSSIONS HERE AND NOT LIMIT THEM TO THE NUCLEAR QUESTION. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN THE ATTITUDE AND POLICIES OF THE DESAI GOVERNMENT AND WE THINK A MORE GENERAL ROUND OF INFORMAL EXCHANGES WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND TIMELY.

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2. ON THE NEW NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY, I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF BRIEFING THE INDIAN SCIENCE COUNSELOR AS MOST OF THE NUCLEAR ENTOURAGE WAS IN EUROPE WHEN THE POLICY WAS ISSUED. FORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THE LEGAL SPECIALIST WAS AVAILABLE AND SAT IN ON THE SESSION. THE MAIN POINT AT THIS STAGE IS THAT WE STILL HAVE TO DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED ON TARAPUR AND SHOULD BE DOING SO VERY SHORTLY. THE SECOND POINT IS

THAT ANOTHER SHOT ENDS ANY U.S. COOPERATION. BEYOND THAT

IT IS DIFFICULT TO DO MORE THAN WALK PEOPLE THROUGH THE
FACT SHEET AND POSSIBLY SOME ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT LEGISLA-
TION. EVEN THIS IS A LITTLE SHAKY SINCE THE LEGISLATION
MAY BE SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED BY THE CONGRESS. COPIES OF
FACT SHEET AND LEGISLATION HAVE BEEN POUCHED, ALSO JOE
NYE'S SALZBURG SPEECH. CHRISTOPHER

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